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Cheney in center of political storm after conviction of aide

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Ayala to put up P7.4-B hotel complex with Saudi firm

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The world at home in residence of Ali Sotto, husband Omar

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Captain America, US hero since 1941, fatally shot by sniper

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FIRE PREVENTION MONTH: Firefighter from the Cebu Filipino-Chinese Volunteers Fire Brigade helps put out the fire that razed over a thousand houses and displaced 5,000 persons in barangays Guizo and Mantuyong in Mandaue City. The city government has declared a state of calamity in the two barangays. President Arroyo, in Cebu on Wednesday for a women's congress, visited with the victims. (Inset) A resident flees the fiery scene.

Satur now on the run

Solgen seeks acquittal of Villarosa

By Leila B. Salaverria

SAYING A KEY CONFESSION USED BY the prosecution was inadmissible, the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) has asked the Court of Appeals to acquit former Occidental Mindoro Rep. Jose Villarosa and three others convicted of killing the Quinoza brothers in 1997.

But the OSG stressed that it was only saying that the prosecution had failed to show sufficient proof, and was not proclaiming the convicts' innocence.

The OSG manifestation was dated Dec. 4, 2006, and signed by then Solicitor General Antonio Eduardo Nachura, Assistant Solicitor General Roman del Rosario, Solicitor Perpetua Guerrero and Associate Solicitor Larimer Cabaniles.

Nachura has since been appointed an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

SOLGEN / A13

GMA birthday 'gift' to Revilla: Sangley Point

By Nini Valera

RAMON REVILLA SR., WHO TURNED 80 yesterday, got his birthday wish to convert Sangley Point in Cavite into an international container port and special economic zone.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, a special guest of Revilla's during his birthday bash on Wednesday night, told the former senator and action star to prepare the executive order that would make his birthday wish come true.

Revilla made the request in an impromptu but emotional speech at the end of a concert featuring some of his

GMA BIRTHDAY / A8



RIGHT TOPIC, WRONG CROWD, or is it the other way around? On International Women's Day on Thursday, President Arroyo talks about microfinance to an audience clueless about her topic. They turned out to be government employees, and not the NGOs who were conduits for the lending program that she was scheduled, or so she thought, to address. She herself saves the day by vowing to make microfinancing also available to government workers next year.

GMA addresses wrong women's group

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO yesterday found herself the victim of a classic mix-up, which looked like it had come straight out of a "Wow Mali" comedy segment.

The Chief Executive trumpeted her microfinance program for women on International Women's Day, only she did it before the wrong group of women.

At least six times, the President asked who in her audience of several hundreds had availed themselves of microfinancing from the government.

The crowd without hesitation shouted, "Wala (No one)." With embarrassed

GMA / A13

Hits gov't try to destroy party-lists

By TJ Burgonio, Alcuin Papa and Christian V. Esguerra

FACING ARREST FOR THE alleged killings 22 years ago of communist rebels suspected of spying for the military, Satur Ocampo yesterday lashed out at the government for its "underhanded" tactic to marginalize him and other party-list lawmakers in the run-up to the May 14 elections.

By filing the murder case against him, the government, through the Armed Forces of the Philippines, merely wanted to get him arrested, jailed and barred from campaigning for the party-list elections, Ocampo said.

"This is also part of the overall plan to destroy the progressive party-list organizations, led by Bayan Muna," said Ocampo at a briefing with his lawyer Romeo Capulong and fellow Bayan Muna Rep. Teodoro Casiño at an undisclosed location.

Ocampo, spokesperson of the National Democratic Front in the unsuccessful peace talks with the government in 1987, said he would never back down in

SATUR / A6

2 share $390-M US lotto jackpot

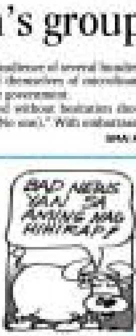
NEW YORK—WITH THE ROLL OF JUST SIX ping-pong balls, at least two people in the United States became significantly richer Wednesday (Thursday in Manila), sharing the world's largest ever lottery jackpot of $390 million or—count it—P18.555 billion at P48.50 to $1.

"Two lucky ticket-holders are about to have the experience of a lifetime as each claims half of that amazing jackpot," the Mega Millions lottery said in a statement announcing the final total of Tuesday's draw.

A truck driver from the southern state of Georgia stepped forward to claim half of the jackpot.

"I'm still numb," said Ed Nabors, 52, of

2 SHARE / A6



Loren OK at No. 2 but cites poll Kiko at No. 3

By Norman Bordadora and Cynthia D. Balana

DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR—LOREN Legarda is not losing sleep over being No. 2 in the latest Social Weather Stations survey on senatorial candidates, and Francis Pangilinan is convinced that his bagging the top slot proves the correctness of his decision to go independent.

Legarda, a candidate of the Genuine Opposition who has consistently topped independent surveys since last year, said the SWS survey's margin of error could easily override Pangilinan's 3-percentage-point lead. "Considering the margin of error of plus or minus 3

LOREN / A6

Alcano world billiards double champion

MAKE IT A DOUBLE FOR RONNIE Alcano.

Flashing the form that gave him the World 9-Ball title last year, Alcano downed compatriot and stable mate Dennis Orcollo, 11-8, late last night to become the World 8-Ball champion as well.

The 34-year-old Alcano surged to a 7-2 lead, but had to repulse a fiery rally by Orcollo to claim the champion's trophy and the $25,000 (P1.2 million) that went with it at the Al Rashid Hall in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates.

Orcollo, 28, settled for the runner-up purse of $12,500 (P600,000) after he failed to duplicate his triumph in the 2006 World Pool League championship.

Pouncing on a scratch by Alcano in the ninth rack, Orcollo managed to close back to within 8-7, but what could have been his tying break went dry, giving Alcano the breather.

In the semifinals, Alcano trounced the Netherland's Niels Feijen, 10-6, while Orcollo bested Joven Bustamante, another Filipino billiards ace working in the Emirates, 10-5, Wednesday night.

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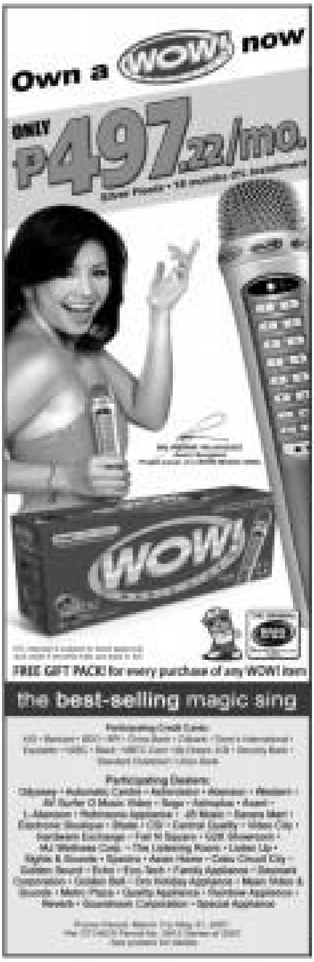
DAR chief backs down in Negros

LA CASTELLANA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL—Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser Pangandaman yesterday decided to postpone the installation of 122 agrarian reform beneficiaries allied with the Task Force Mapalad at the Hacienda Velez Malaga here to avoid violence after 2,000 opposing farm workers from rival groups started gathering at the hacienda yesterday.

ELECTION '07

Govs pledge 12-0 win for Unity bets

Erap magic tested in Davao GO rally







Drug firms score in Milk Code case

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007 PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER A1

Moro rebs fire mortars on Army camp







When the temperature rises
to a scorching 36 °C,

Tempers flare!

Viruses attack!

Bodies dehydrate!

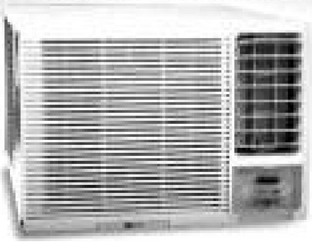
Pollutants fill the air!



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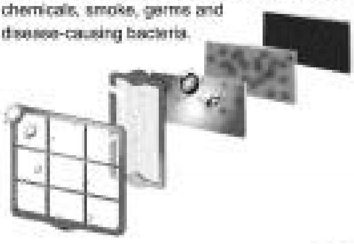
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Satur now fugitive, hits gov't try to destroy party-lists

A fugitive to PNP

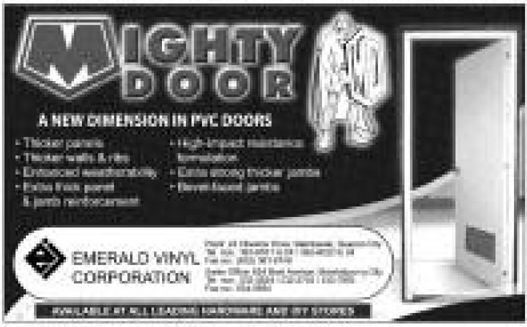
Surrender

Play fair

Loophole

Grounds for dismissal

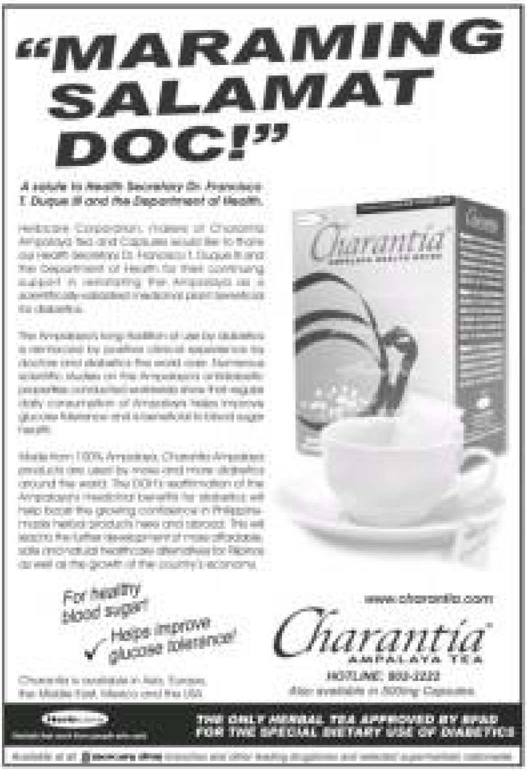
Skeletal evidence



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'Quirky'

US pollster



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Going fishing

Talk to lawyers

1-in-176-M chance

DOH RECOMMENDS AMPALAYA FOR DIABETICS



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 29, 2007

DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR
NO. 2007

TO: ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Recall of Department Circular 156-A s. 2003 Re: Reinstating Ampalaya (Momordica charantia L.) as Scientifically Validated Herbal Medicinal Plant

In view of the recent developments in the field of research regarding the medicinal effects of Ampalaya (*Momordica charantia*, L.), Department Circular 156-A s., 2003 is hereby recalled thus reinstating Ampalaya as a Scientifically-validated herbal medicinal plant upholding Department Circular 108-A s., 1995. This reclassification is instituted in the light of recent evidence on the clinical efficacy of Ampalaya against Diabetes Mellitus.

For guidance and immediate compliance.

FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III, M.D., MSc.
Secretary of Health

GMA's 80th birthday 'gift' to Revilla: Sangley Point





Esplanade

'Unblemished record'

Dozens of children

Dolphy

Paternal duty

Amulet

Alcano world billiards double champion

IN THE KNOW

It's black in 8-ball and yellow in 9-ball









'Nicole' to drop complaint vs van driver in Subic rape

Palace: Heads must roll for nursing leak


BUNYE

Exam results

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OPINION

Web of lies

EDITORIAL



Cojuangcos should return PTIC dividends

AS I SEE IT



Neal H. Cruz

'Comfort women': Japan's willful amnesia

PASSION FOR REASON



Raul C. Pangalangan

Survey shows anti-administration sentiment

Analysis



Amando Doronila

Gender gender

Pindy Kasi



Michael L. Tan

Judging their 'greenness'

At Large



Rina Jimenez-David

Librarians

Looking Back



Ambeth R. Ocampo

A call to responsible citizens

LETTERS

ERC clarifies metering charges

About voting for 'alternatives'

Why GMA has no love for Edsa I



Ascetic ideologue, seductive actress

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GMA addresses wrong women's group

"What happened?"

Wanted NGOs

Wrong program, audience

IN THE KNOW

The 'Mamburao 6'

Torture

Inhibition

Solgen seeks acquittal of Villarosa



VILLAROSA: Convicted of double murder

Detestable but...

Extrajudicial confession

Other evidence needed

In Manila

Across the NATION

COA joins probe of costly lampposts

By Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT IN Central Visayas has started its own investigation of allegations that the decorative lampposts installed in the cities of Cebu, Mandaue and Lapulapu for the Association of Southeast Asian (Asean) summit were overpriced.

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Bringing health services to poor's doorsteps

By Anselmo Roque
Inquirer Central Luzon

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First rate hospital

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No politics

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100 C. Luzon farmers give good start to ethanol production

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Ex-S. Leyte mayor, 2 others draw prison terms for graft

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EXPANSION

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Diggings point to treasure hunting at Cebu cathedral

By J. Magallanes



THE RENOVATION Chapel of the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral

News

Who cares about political parties?

Courts fight tug-of-war for drug witness

Aplus Metro

SC affirms hotel workers' dismissal

Strikers failed to comply with NLRC deadline

By Leila B. Salaverria

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MANILA Hotel

Manor owners ask court's permission for overseas trip

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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Charges

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Pandacan barangay to stand firm on oil depot closure

By Allison W. Lopez

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Calixto enters–then leaves–Pasay City Hall





Lacuna for mayor; Belmonte for Noynoy

Court stops BJMP head from holding office

MetroBriefs

A matter of fees

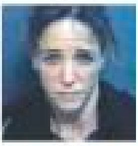
Still in control

Ikebana lectures at Shang

Did you know

Commons' move may end unelected tenure of UK Lords

Troubled astronaut fired



POLICE mugshot of Nowak



THIS image originally supplied by Marvel Comics, shows comic book hero Captain America from the Ultimates universe.

Captain America, US hero since '41, is dead

WorldBriefs

Immigrants sue US over visas to crime victims

US man jailed for showing cell phone down gf's throat

In tit for tat, China hits US rights record worldwide

Former Bangladesh PM's son arrested for graft

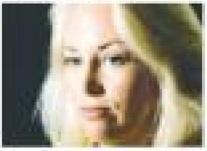
The WORLD

Cheney under siege after Libby trial

WASHINGTON—THE WHITE HOUSE OFFERED SUPPORT ON Wednesday for Vice President Dick Cheney, a powerful proponent of the Iraq war, after the conviction of his top aide dealt a fresh blow to Cheney's reputation and raised new questions about his influence.

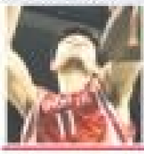


CHENEY: Decreasing influence?



PLAME: Spy outed by news leaks

Press takes worst collateral damage from prosecution

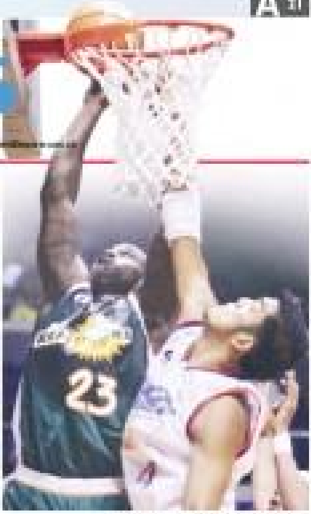


WHAT'S INSIDE

James lifts Cavs; Shaq dominates /A23

SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic E. Melendres



RP team to train in US

China may join invitational tourney here

By Musong R. Castillo

THE PHILIPPINE TEAM WILL NOT BE GOING DOWN UNDER anymore, and instead, will leave on March 29 for a two-week training camp in the United States after its budget was approved without a hitch this week.

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STA. LUCIA'S Kenneth Whitney takes it strong to the hoop against Air21's Mark Andaya.

Depleted Beermen pray Messiah will be a savior

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STANDINGS	W	L			
Alaska	1	0	Sta. Lucia	0	1
Red Bull	1	0	Purefoods	0	1
Air21	1	0	Ginebra	0	1
Coca-Cola	1	0	San Miguel	0	1
Talk N Text	0	1			
Welcoat	0	1			

Games Today (Cuneta Astrodome)

[illegible] — Coca-Cola vs. Purefoods

[illegible] — Red Bull vs. San Miguel

OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

Shoeless Lany shines

Barefoot runner powers P'sinan back to the top

VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR—A daughter of a fisherman from the coastal town of Bolinao accomplished a rare quadruple gold-medal feat in athletics with her bare feet, catapulting Pangasinan back to top of the medal race in the Philippine Olympic Festival.



Trecksters caught flat-footed by 'fee'

Nat'l poker tilt set

RP boxers still without military clearance

RP team . . .

Depleted . . .

James lifts Cavs; Shaq dominates

Kobe suspended



BOSTON Celtics' Al Jefferson (right) grabs a rebound in front of Houston Rockets' Yao Ming in their NBA game in Boston.

Rivera, Yang share honors

Tagaytay-RP prevails but yields crown

SPORTSWATCH

Tacurong bets rule Yonex regional



PhilMasters Darts starts March 17

Sagupaan cockfest at Pasay today

Longshot bet rules Pacman derby

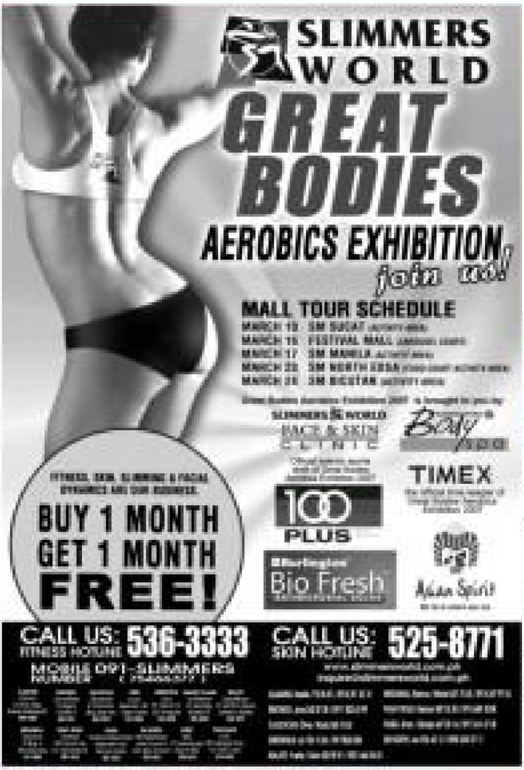


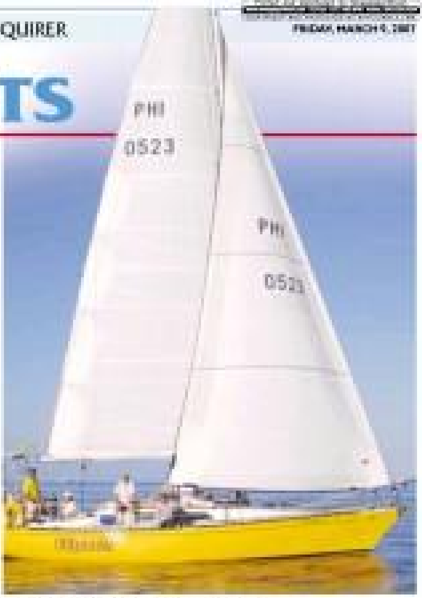
Baguio hosts Tangkad tilt



Spring Cooking Oil makes it 3 straight

SPORTS



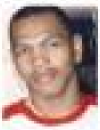


AFTER a cruising spurt, Irresistible sails to another victory.

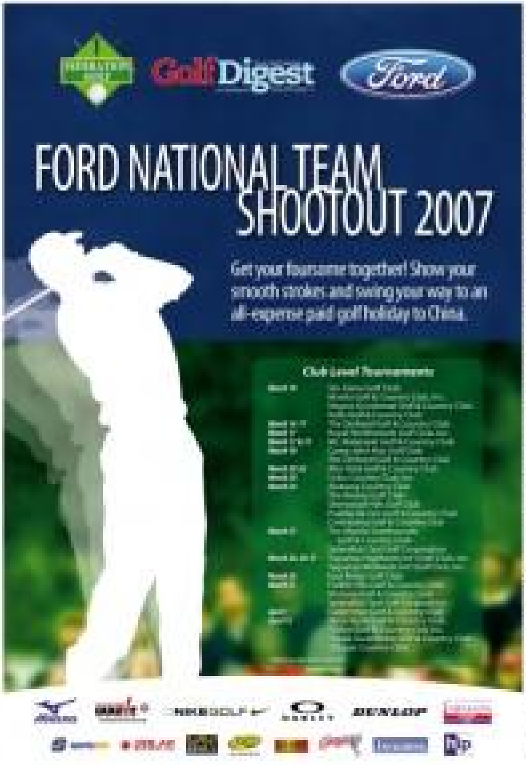
Irresistible still unbeaten

By Joseline W. Papa

MVP Castro jumps ship, joins Harbour Centre 5



CASTRO



RP golfers strike in Singapore

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BUSINESS

Ayala to put up ₱7.4-B hotel complex

Joint venture with Saudi firm to bring in Raffles brand

THE COUNTRY'S BIGGEST property firm will develop a big portion of Ayala Center in Makati City into a lux- [illegible]



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Women and water

COMMENTARY

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

MARCH IS WOMEN'S MONTH. TODAY, we turn our attention to the important role women play in the issue of water.

Last week, we wrote about how the water crisis has reached global proportions. Also last week, the global warming film by former US Vice President Al Gore, "The Inconvenient Truth," won an Academy Award for best documentary. In that film, the important role of water in the world's new paradigm was highlighted. It wasn't just fought because of oil, wars may well be fought over scarce water in the future.

A World Health Organization (WHO) study showed that for every dollar spent on water, more than $7 (including work time and health care savings) would be returned. But if agriculture, which uses 70 percent of water supply, does not play an important role in helping address the water crisis, these returns would be minimized.

We wish to show that if women do not play an active role, there will be many projects where all of the expected returns will disappear and the investment totally wasted.

Global picture

The phenomenon of water projects failing because of women's noninvolvement is documented worldwide.

In a study commissioned by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on "Gender Issues in Water and Sanitation Projects in Mali," it stated: "Management of the wells was handed over to male community leaders without consulting women in the planning of the new resource or its continued management. The systems and equipment set up were neglected for women. As a result, at peak times, women discarded the equipment and went back to their old ways of collecting water. Moreover, the men who were involved as caretakers, failed to adequately fulfill their roles since water and sanitation were seen as a women's domain."

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has documented several similar cases in various countries. Its conclusion in its excellent guide to water management (http://www.adb.org) was: "Women and men differ in their roles, needs and perceptions regarding water supply and sanitation. Failure to consider these differences can cause poor performance or poor uptake of their projects."

A holistic approach

There have been projects that have taken the result of an opposite view by involving only women to ensure water management capacity. A United Nations Development Program study involved a project in Mindanao which attempted to have women-focused management but less from the use of water for fishing. The program did not succeed. An analysis concluded that the project reveals that women were more interested in health issues than with fish, and therefore were reluctant to participate in the monitoring process.

The answer, then is to include both women and men in every stage of the planning, implementation and monitoring process. World Bank Discussion Series No. 37 documents the success of this approach in a Philippine communal irrigation project. This included recruitment of female community organizers, ensuring women as well as men participation in water user associations, and supporting women in taking up leadership roles. The results were as follows: "The project succeeded its targets for increased paddy fields. Women's involvement made payment of fees more consistent, since it was the women who, in this context, controlled the family finances."

Philippine situation

In the National Rural Women's Congress (on Women's Agriculture members), annual meeting I attended, 200 rural women leaders from across the country agreed that there was an urgent need for women's involvement in water projects.

Agnes Balota, currently with the DILG-GTZ Water Program, summarized the Congress conclusion: "Women, as the primary collectors of water, are currently not recognized stakeholders in water supply projects. Government water supply and sanitation programs either target existing organizations in the Community where female participation is typical-ly marginalized, or organized water users' associations that seldom recognize the key role women play in household water management. Increased women's participation in such projects, with appropriate capability building activities, is one way to ensure the sustainability of the operation of the water system. This is because women are the usual users of such facilities."

Thankfully the project Balota now coordinates, "The Water Supply Sector Road Map" led by the DILG and the National Water Resources Board, is helping address this issue. You may call Balota at (02) 927-2975.

Conclusion

With all the documented information available to us, it is imperative that women's participation in all aspects addressing the water crisis should be implemented and institutionalized. Prior to the next National Multisectoral Water Conference, it is recommended that the two sectors of agriculture and women, which have not been given sufficient importance, conduct separate focused meetings to prepare for the conference. It is hoped that during the Women's Month of March, the crucial link between women and water will be institutionalized and used in all future water management programs.

(The author is Agriwatch chair, former undersecretary of trade and of agriculture. For inquiries and suggestions, e-mail agriwatch@yahoo.com or telefax (02) 4022112.)

Risks of new Asian crisis low





BSP keeps policy rates steady

Growth in liquidity may pose threat

By Doris C. Dumlao

FirstGen profit up 6% to $92M

By Abigail L. Ho

Corporate Roundup

Anglo obtains P250-M loan

SPi ranks 4th in BPO survey

Subic Tel eyes capacity hike

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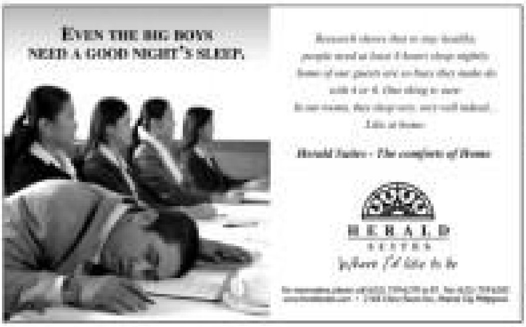
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BUSINESS

Make people feel gains, donors urge RP



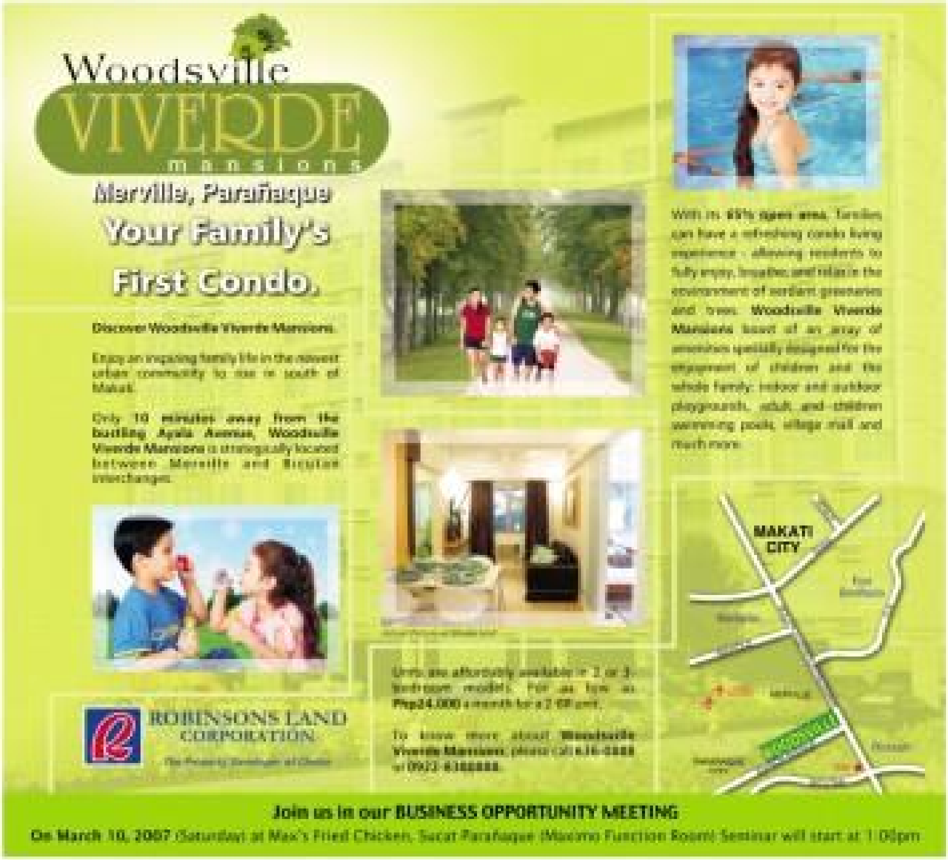


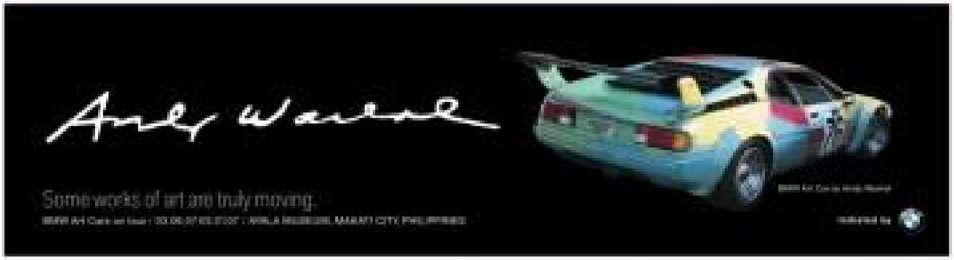
By Doris C. Dumlao

THE DONOR COMmunity yesterday urged the Philippine government to exert extra effort to translate economic gains into more investments and jobs, higher incomes and reduced poverty.

At the opening session of the two-day Philippine Development Forum with foreign multilateral and bilateral donors in Cebu, a venue where the government hopes to harness $1.7 billion in new official development assistance for priority infrastructure projects, World Bank country director and former ... to chair

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BUSINESS *Friday*



The unforgettable 'piñarap' boy

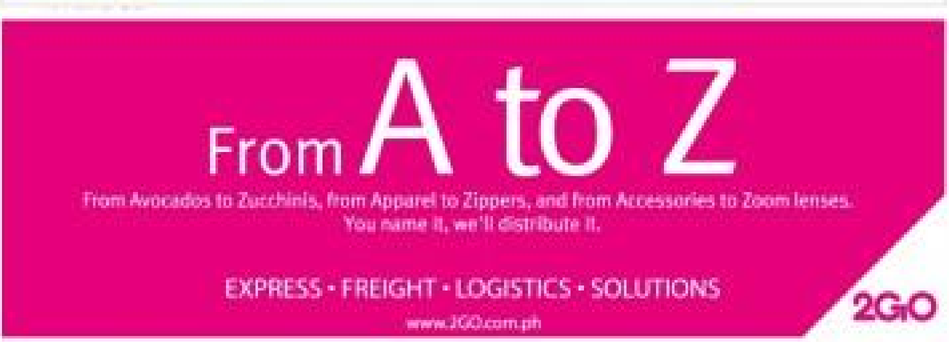
Soy sauce firm tries to gain back market leadership, launches new ad



TSAN Sy Jr. 28 years ago in the original "Piñarap" commercial

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao





Share price highs

TAX-FILES

Surgery in the sun lures patients

The unforgettable ...

P185 a cup for coffee from civet cat's droppings



S.O.U.L. manager Andrey Guevara serves Coffee Alamid Espresso.

PMA names best marketing studs





And the Winners Are...

PLDT's Wireless Wonders Bag Awards at E-Services Philippines 2007









BUSINESS *Friday*







Brand your tables and chairs

Furniture makers urged to build names for their products







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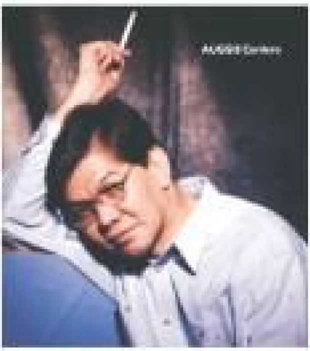
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LIFE-STYLED

Thelma Sioson San Juan

Finally, Auggie Cordero to stage show



After a long absence, the reclusive Manila designer and trendsetter will mount a gala

AFTER SIX YEARS OF SHUNning the fashion limelight, Auggie Cordero is finally having a gala show this year. All that's needed is his signature on the dotted line of the contract.

Bobby at Hyatt

Single-minded Nes



A rose for birthday boy Tony









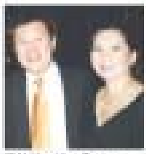












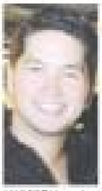


WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

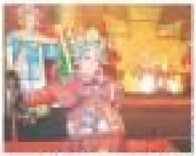


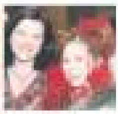
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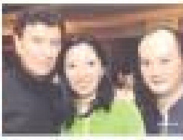
Flip-flop haven





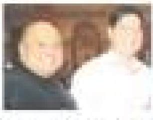








Health-prone Milo















VAJA cases are made only from full-grain cowhide from the top 10 percent of Argentina's best rich leather.



THE LIMITED-EDITION Swarovski-encrusted Vaja cases will make your iPod sparkle and shine.



EVERY detail of the Vaja case is a masterpiece in itself.

Case in point



EACH Vaja case is carefully handcrafted by skilled artisans to assure the perfect-fit every case.



NO CREASE or gap in every fold or curve can be found in the Vaja case.

YOU DON'T NEED A JUDGE TO TELL YOU IF YOU HAVE a case to plead or not.

If you've had an iPod and have not bothered to get a wrap for it all this time, haul your sorry little [illegible] to the store and get a case for your little music box.

Truth is, only a genuine leather Vaja case can atone for your neglect.

Sleek and stylish just like your iPod, Vaja cases are made only from full-grain cowhide from the top 10 percent of Argentina's best leather.

The beauty of a Vaja case is carried over to its inside. Vaja cases are softly and delicately lined with high-quality fabric.

The sharpest and most precise cutouts on the case [illegible] make fit to the iPod without a crease or scratch of a gap.

Allergic to leather? Vaja cases are hypoallergenic.

Vaja cases come in different rich, vibrant colors to suit your 'discriminating taste.' They also come in limited editions that are accented with Swarovski crystals.

Vaja cases will be available exclusively at the new Power Mac Center flagship store at 3/F, Greenbelt 3, Ayala Center, Makati. Other branches are at SM Megamall, Power Plant Mall, SM City North Edsa and SM Mall of Asia.




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Mad for maillot!

Curves ahead
Pink floral maillot from Lar swimwear

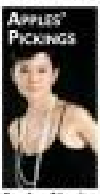
THE LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE two-piece swimsuit is officially coming to an end. Nowadays, the maillot or one-piece bathing suit is finally sharing centerstage with skimpy bikinis as the choice of swimwear for the fashionable, far-from-frumpy crowd.

You don't have to don a two-piece swimsuit to be considered sexy and hip. [illegible]

The best part about a one-piece is that it's far more forgiving than its two-piece counterpart. [illegible]

If you're ready to try out this season's most fashionable swimsuit style, just keep in mind that the right one should always make the most of your proportions. [illegible]

Apples' Pickings



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

It's also important to choose fabric with at least 15 percent Spandex to help minimize flabby areas. [illegible]

To help you find the perfect maillot to enhance your body type, here are a few more simple tips to keep in mind:

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Animal appeal
Animal-print one-piece swimwear from Lar Swimwear [illegible]

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Styling MILLET V. ARZAGA
Hair and makeup [illegible]
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Golden goddess
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Hot colors.



Flora, no fauna.

A friend told me she was recently invited to a pre-summer welcome party with the theme 'Bohemian Beach.' I almost gagged

Luxe, camera, action!



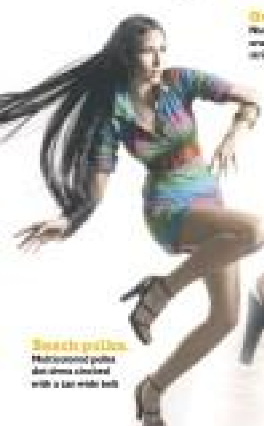
Gold rush.



Mabuhay!

Josei Epperson

THIS SUMMER, I ADVISE ALL to embrace selective amnesia, and forget that whole bohemian trend.







Model behavior

Photography ERWIN BARUTA for Edged Light



Bathing beauties

FASHION BUZZ
Hot, haute, hot news!

New Guard



YDG president Patty Eustaquio

LifeStyle







BEAUTY

True to the Creed

The luxury perfume comes to the Philippines

Smoothening out the skin for summer exposure





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KERATOSIS pilaris on back



GLYTONE Keratosis Pilaris Line



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Style explosion

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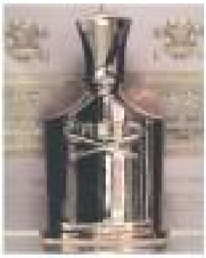
Beauty forever





SKIN-WHITENING ESSENTIALS

True to the Creed



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YOUNGBLOOD: Erwin Creed

ROBINSONS DEPARTMENT STORE

GRANTS TWO WOMEN'S MAKEOVER WISHES





Robinsons Department Store (RDS) celebrates the beauty of being a woman with its "Ladies Fair" happening the whole month of March. As a salute to mothers, wives, aunts, daughters, girlfriends, bosses and co-workers, RDS challenges Allure Glam's fashion editor **Giselle Go** to give two typical RDS shoppers a style makeover and tips on how to look trendy and fashionable.

MAKEOVER MAMA. [illegible]

GETTING SOME FUN FASHION LESSONS. [illegible]



Art contest launched March 9

GOINGS ON



1ST HILDEGARD AWARD



ENTERTAINMENT





GERARD Butler as "The Phantom of the Opera." Now he's Leonidas in "300."

From Phantom to half-clad Spartan king

LOS ANGELES—GERARD Butler doffs his "Phantom of the Opera" mask, cloak and clothes and wears virtually nothing, save for a leather codpiece, in the film adaptation of Frank Miller's graphic novel, "300."

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



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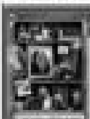
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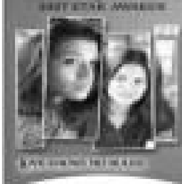
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FOR ALL BRANCHES

GALLERIA

1 A GOOD SHEPHERD / THE
2 300
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6 PRIMEVAL / GHOST RIDER
7 IT's A BOY GIRL THING
8 ROME and JULIET
9 BRIDGE of TERABITHIA / THE NUMBER 23
10 YOU GOT ME



ERMITA

1 300
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7 The PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS
8 DEAD PEOPLE 2

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1 300
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4 THE HITCHER

PIONEER

1 A GOOD SHEPHERD
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4 THE HITCHER

STA. ROSA

1 300
2 The PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS
3 THE CLEANER
4 IT's A BOY GIRL THING
5 YOU GOT ME

LIPA

1 GHOST RIDER
2 YOU GOT ME
3 THE NUMBER 23
4 THE FOUNTAIN
5 PRIMEVAL

DASMARINAS

1 FLUSHED AWAY
2 300
3 YOU GOT ME
4 The PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS

ANGELES

1 300
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3 FLUSHED AWAY
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IMUS

1 300
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3 The PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS
4 YOU GOT ME
5 FLUSHED AWAY

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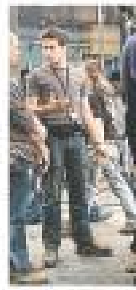
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ON THE set of "300" ...

From Pha



...ntom to half-clad Spartan king

> 'When I put on that leather codpiece, I did not want to doubt how strong I felt









SCENE from "Faces of Love." From left, Chinggay Rosas, Christopher de Leon, Alfred Vargas, Sonny Cuca and Ferdie Aguila.

Wry, illuminating tale about the vagaries of love

VIEWFINDER



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LIVING Stars

Editor Bernie G. Velarde

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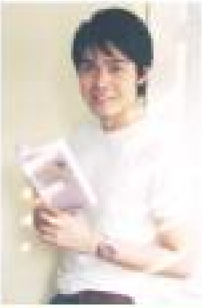
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INSIDE



■ Beaded mask, one of Ali's favorite things /G2



REYMOND SAJOR

BOOKS

MY FRIEND LOVELY, WHO'S NOW BASED IN the United States, introduced me to the book "Simplify and Live the Good Life" by Bo Sanchez. It gives some practical tips on how to lead well-balanced professional and personal lives. It inspires me to never give up pursuing my dreams, like when I was competing on "Philippine Idol." The book also reminds me that work is not just about money; it's about making other people happy as well. I recommend it to people with financial and career issues. It will help them attain a more positive outlook in the workplace. Other books in my shelf are "Being Happy" by Andrew Matthews and the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series.

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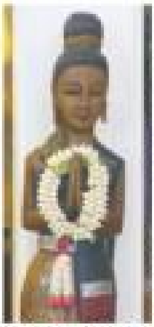
BAMBOO table by Budji Layug; pieces of Batac wall art etched on tree barks hang on the walls.



LIVING room, designed by Omar—Moroccan lamps, European sofas, Persian carpet, Chinese divider and jar floor lamp from the Philippines.

Around the world, at home

HOME BODY



SAWADEE statue from Thailand welcomes guests.



CHINA cabinet from China.

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

Photos by Jan Kristo Ponciano

The Beales' Makati residence captures an international flavor—much like their culinary preferences

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE Beales' residence?

If you ask drift radio star Ali Sotto, it's kaldereta, sinigang, adobo and other Filipino dishes.

If you ask her husband, Tunisian-born diplomat Omar Beales, it's couscous, hummus, tabouli and babaganush.

In the kitchen, the cross-cultural couple meets half-way.

"We cook together," he says.

She adds: "That's one of the advantages of a mixed marriage. We get the best of both worlds. Cuisine is just one aspect."

"The things we hate about each other's cultures, we ignore. But what we love about each other, we keep and treasure," Omar professes.

Extremes

"Our extreme personalities complement," Ali clarifies. "He is obsessive-compulsive. Even the spices in the kitchen are in alphabetical order. I'm the opposite."

Ali and Omar, who've been married for a decade, have rubbed off on each other. Somehow.

"While he has learned to relax a little, I now exert a little effort to be more organized," she explains.

Overhearing this, Omar can't help joking: "She's not over-cooking!"



ANTIQUE lamp is from India.

"Brilliant are you," Ali retorts with a hearty laugh.

It seems [illegible] clicks with them as well.

"I am into interior design, Ali isn't. In fact, this entire house is my doing," Omar claims.

He says he picked up most of the furniture pieces and décor from all over the world, in the different cities he's been posted in as a foreign service officer of the US State Department.

Some pieces—like the modern office tables, antique garden tables and a living room table with sectional chairs—were designed by Omar himself.

"My only contributions are the Chinese lucky pig and cat figurines," Ali admits with self-deprecating humor.

Her husband has impeccable taste, Ali proudly proclaims.

"A recurring motif is the cells

AROUND G2



TAPESTRY in sitting area is from Bangladesh. It depicts a love poem by Rabindranath Tagore and was embroidered by two women for nine months.



COLORFUL mirror from Mexico is by Gabriela Morales, circa 2004.



COOKING couple whip up kaldereta and couscous. Take note of the Calphalon pots and pans.



TIBETAN cabinet is painted with jungle scenes. Ceramic mirror, upper right corner, is from Mexico, where the gecko is "a sign of luck."



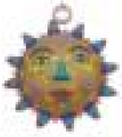
FOYER boasts an engraved table from Bali by Omar.



MOROCCAN lamp and Thai dancer figurine.



OMAR converted antique door panel into a garden table.



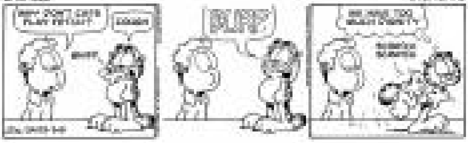
CHEERFUL sun decor, from Mexico, hangs on the façade.



EMPEROR chair is from China; the gamelan player puppet, from Indonesia.

Comic Relief

GARFIELD



A. LIPIN



BABY BLUES

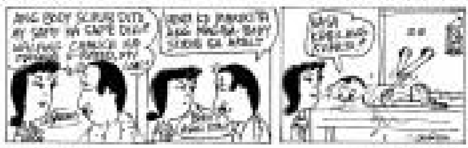


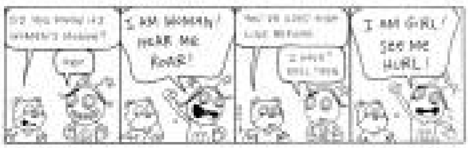
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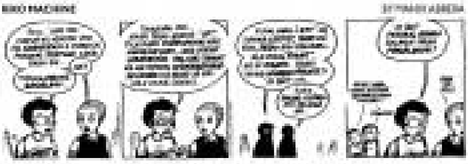






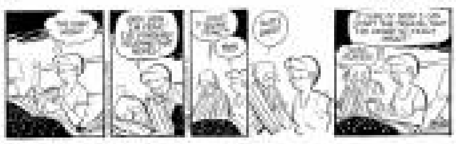
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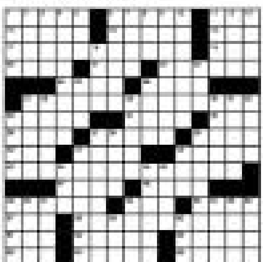


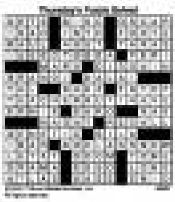






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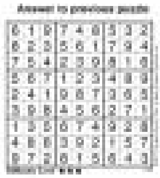
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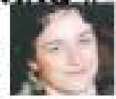
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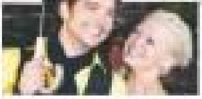
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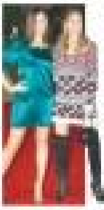


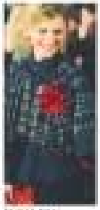




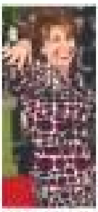
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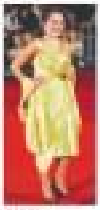


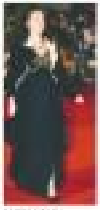


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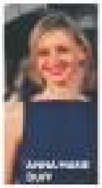


KATHY LETTE





LUCY COHU



David Lynch's disconcerting art



THE EXHIBIT consists of paintings, photographs and cocktail doodles on Post-it notes.



FILMMAKER David Lynch at the opening of "The Air is on Fire."



LYNCH designed the exhibit layout himself, even working with sound designers for emphasis.

In his paintings & photographs, the iconic director of 'Blue Velvet' manages to make everything look creepy—even snowmen.



RAINBOW butterfly is from Mexico. Butterflies remind Ali of her late son Miko.

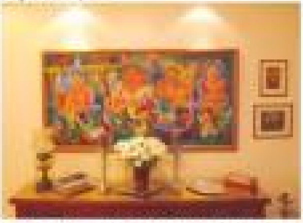


ONYX Aztec mask, also from Mexico.



Around the world, at home









OFF-CAM

Enhancements, not surgeries

LANI MISALUCHA ADMITS SHE'S HAD HER nose done and her eye bags removed.

"Nothing invasive," she said Living Stars. "They just injected vitamins [around] my eyes. I also had an injection for my nose. These are just enhancements, not surgeries."

Much earlier, she had a radical dental reconstruction to refine her grin. "That was when we were still living here," the singer said. "The eye bags, I know, I had them done in the States, and they cost a lot."



LANI MISALUCHA

Lani left for the US with her family in 2004. They have since settled in Las Vegas, where she performs five days a week at the Flamingo Hotel with the Society of Seven. She's visiting Manila for a month to promote her album, "Lani Misalucha" (Universal Records), and to stage her concert, "Missing You," at the Araneta Coliseum on March 17.

Misalucha, who has two daughters, described her life in Vegas as very "routine."

"I wake up at about 6 a.m. and cook lunch for my family at around 11. I drive to work at around noon. I prepare for my show, which starts at 3 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Then I have autograph signing until 5—longer, if there are more people than usual. Then I go to Chinatown to buy groceries."

BEAN ON BONDI
BRITISH comedian and actor Rowan Atkinson dressed as his alter ego, Mr Bean, right, relaxes on Sydney's Bondi Beach on Wednesday. Atkinson is in Australia to promote his new movie, "Mr Bean's Holiday." AFP



WE ARE FAMILY
BRITISH model and actress Elizabeth Hurley leaves a city hotel in Mumbai on Wednesday, below right. Hurley married Indian businessman Arun Nayar on March 2 in a private ceremony at Sudeley Castle in southwest England's Gloucestershire County followed by a star-studded reception in a castle the next day. AFP



